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To Orange City Council,

I wish to lodge my objections to the proposed Macquarie River pipeline.

The idea of pumping water from the Macquarie River to keep Suna Park Dam full, and overflowing, so the water can run back into the Macquarie River is ludicrous. The water in the Macquarie River is needed in the various communities downstream, so it seems selfish to deprive them. It would be better to pump the water from Burrendong Dam which is further on from these other communities. There is also the idea of water from Browns Creek, which needs investigating.

Because of the terrain between Long Point and Orange there would be a lot of energy required to pump the water up to Suna Park Dam. With the cost of electricity sky rocketing, the charges for the pumping would be astronomical, adding, I guess, to **Orange City Council** extremely high rates. Scanned

Also, I believe there are environmental concerns in the actual building of **CONTAINER No. 106/441/735/11** pipeline through fragile country. ~~There are also~~ threatened species in the river which would be adversely affected by reduced water flows in the river.

Why doesn't the council seek to more wisely use the water generated from the storm water harvesting scheme?

Water security for Orange is important, but there are other options which won't create such a financial burden for council, state and federal governments, and Orange ratepayers.

Yours sincerely,
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